

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 10, 2017 at 2:30 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 35, 2/2/2017; SR 47, 3/7/2017
Executive Action: SR 35, Be Adopted; SR 47, Be Adopted; HB 185, Be Tabled

00:00:38 Chair Salomon
00:01:07 Vice Chair Blasdel assumed the role as the chair.

HEARING ON SR 35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:31 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR 35, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:53 Casey Lozar, Governor's appointee
00:09:37 Levi Birky, Governor's appointee
00:18:07 Robert Nystuen, Governor's appointee
00:28:41 David Ortley, self
00:31:09 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:48 Sen. McClafferty
00:32:22 Mr. Birky, appointee
00:35:28 Sen. Regier
00:38:49 Mr. Lozar, appointee
00:40:33 Sen. Regier
00:41:31 Mr. Birky
00:42:23 Sen. Regier
00:42:30 Mr. Nystuen, appointee
00:44:51 Sen. Regier
00:44:57 Sen. Facey
00:48:24 Mr. Lozar
00:49:04 Sen. Facey
00:50:15 Mr. Nystuen
00:54:45 Sen. Tempel
00:56:57 Mr. Birky
00:58:08 Sen. Tempel
00:58:23 Mr. Lozar
00:59:18 Mr. Nystuen
01:01:14 Sen. Tempel
01:01:19 Sen. Regier
01:01:53 Mr. Lozar
01:05:23 Mr. Birky
01:07:19 Mr. Nystuen
01:09:52 Sen. Blasdel
01:09:59 Mr. Nystuen
01:10:15 Sen. Facey

01:11:04 Mr. Nystuen
01:14:13 Sen. Regier
01:14:32 Mr. Nystuen
01:21:57 Sen. Boland
01:22:27 Mr. Lozar
01:24:09 Sen. Facey
01:26:09 Mr. Lozar
01:26:41 Sen. Facey
01:31:42 Mr. Nystuen
01:32:54 Sen. Blasdel
01:34:12 Mr. Nystuen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:25 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SR 47

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:37:03 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR 47, Confirm Governor's appointee to the Board of Regents.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:38:08 Kevin McRae, Montana University System (MUS)
01:39:37 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:01 Sen. Facey
01:40:12 Mr. McRae, MUS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:31 Sen. Salomon

01:40:53 Sen. Salomon resumed the role as the chair.

01:41:05 Recess
01:55:05 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 35

01:56:12 Chair Salomon

01:56:27 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SR 35 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

01:56:45 Chair Salomon

01:56:56 Sen. Facey

01:57:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 47

01:57:33 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SR 47 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

01:57:46 Chair Salomon

01:57:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 185

01:58:11 Chair Salomon

01:58:40 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 185 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:59:09 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 185 BE AMENDED.**

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Discussion:

01:59:17 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:59:49 Sen. Facey

02:00:09 Mr. McCracken, LSD

02:00:36 Sen. Regier

02:00:49 Chair Salomon

02:01:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

02:01:23 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 185 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:01:36 Sen. Facey

02:03:22 Sen. McClafferty

02:03:46 Sen. Regier

02:04:35 Sen. Boland

02:05:03 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. L. Jones and Sen. Salomon voting aye. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

02:05:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 185 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

02:06:07 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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